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1. On 25 April 1948 a Soviet ship arrived at Tachimen (114-20,22-15) Island, Kwangtung Province, from Dairen, having left the latter port on 25 March 1948. The cargo consisted of the following munitions: "Large quantities" of Soviet made hand grenades, 200 cases of ammunition (type not specified) and one small portable radio set of Soviet manufacture.
2. This cargo was received by LIANG Hung-chun (梁鴻鈞) reportedly Chinese Communist Party Military and Political Chief in South China and had the cargo loaded into two sampans and four smaller craft. The cargo was divided into three parts, as follows: (1) light machine guns, half of the grenades, 100 cases of ammunition, 200 "grass-colored" uniforms and "large quantities" of propaganda material. This part of the shipment was sent to Kueiyung (114-26,22-37) in the East River District via Ta Ya (Bias Bay/114-40,22-45), Jen Shan (114-48,22-49) and Tapengwan (Mirs Bay/114-25,22-30). (2) light machine guns, 7.9 rifles, half of the grenades, 100 cases of ammunition, and some propaganda material. This lot was landed at Fuchien (110-36,20-04) and Chiwei (110-42,19-55), Hainan Island. The route followed to deliver the cargo to Hainan Island was via Kaolan (113-15,21-55), Shang Chuan and Hsia Chuan Islands (112-45,21-43), keeping at all times several miles away from the shore and coastwise shipping.
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